

Amendments to the Specification:

Please substitute the following amended paragraph which was presented in the first preliminary amendment for the following amended paragraph with regard to page 1 before the first heading:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/179,171 filed June 26, 2002, entitled INTERNET ENABLED SERVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD, which in turn is a continuation of Serial No. 09/069,566 filed May 29, 1998, entitled INTERNET-ENABLED SERVICE MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION SYSTEM AND METHOD, now U.S. Patent No. 6,434,619, issued ~~August 13, 2003~~ August 13, 2002.